

## FAIRFOREST MIDDLE

4120 North Blackstock Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29301

<b>Grades</b>	6-8 Middle School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	794 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Mr. Dean Ledford	864-576-1270
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Darryl Owings	864-576-4212
<b>Board Chair</b>	Mr. Lynn Harris, Chairman	864-576-4212

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Average</b>
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

## SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

## Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

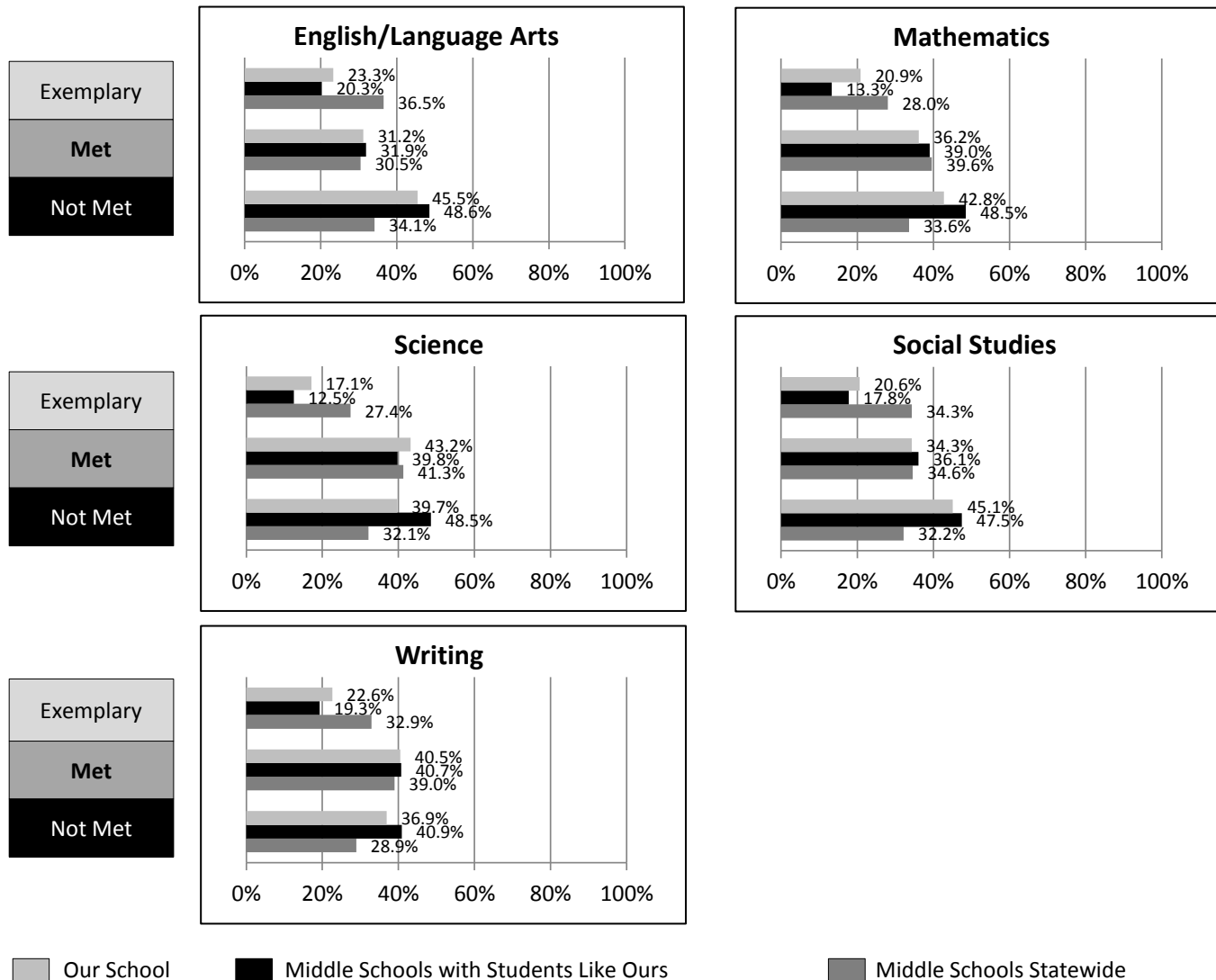
96.7%

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	29	28	13

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

## South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



\* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

## Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

## Abbreviations for Missing Data

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## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n = 794)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	15.2%	N/A	16.0%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Up from 0.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 96.6%	95.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	21.0%	No change	10.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	15.2%	Up from 13.3%	15.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Down from 4.7%	6.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	N/A	0.8%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 57)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.9%	Down from 69.6%	59.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	77.2%	Up from 75.0%	64.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5%	Down from 88.7%	80.1%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,975	Up 0.2%	\$45,245	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	14.5 days	N/A	9.9 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	N/A	19.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Down from 90.4%	89.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.4%	N/A	97.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	N/A	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,653	Up 11.2%	\$8,822	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.7%	Down from 71.0%	58.5%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.8%	Down from 67.0%	57.7%	61.3%

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

## End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	95.0%
English 1	100.0%	90.6%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	94.1%

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## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Our students experience a rigorous academic curriculum in a supportive learning environment. Many of our students receive academic honors including over 200 Beta Club members and 11 Junior Scholars. We offered four classes for High School credit: Geometry, English 9 Pre AP/Honors, Computer Applications, and Honors Algebra. We had 23 students who were administered the Honors Algebra End of Course test and 12 students took the English 9 End of Course test. These students were successful in passing with an average of ninety-four percent for the Algebra End of Course and ninety-three percent for the English 9 End of Course.

Our students also excel in the fine arts and athletics. All of our teams had an outstanding athletic season, with our boys' soccer team winning the Peachtree Conference during the regular season. Our band, orchestra, and chorus students consistently receive excellent and superior ratings at regional and state competitions with several students being named as all-region and all-state. This helped set the tone for a successful school year!

In addition to the new academic classes and sports programs, Fairforest Middle School was able to pair with our feeder elementary schools to establish the "Book Buddy" program. Our 8th grade students traveled to the elementary schools to read aloud and interact with these students in positive ways. These 8th grade students were able to visit with rising 6th graders at the end of the school year to help them with the transition to middle school. We were very proud of their hard work and positive presence.

Most importantly, the Fairforest Middle School family gives back to the community. Students and staff members participate in a canned food drive in the fall of each year, consistently contributing thousands of items to a local food bank. Fairforest Middle School also participates in a school wide Operation Christmas project in an effort to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate. In addition, Fairforest Middle School students and teachers participate in service activities such as recycling, United Way Fundraiser, and Relay for Life. We are excited to receive the Top Middle School award for the Relay for Life fundraiser for the second consecutive year.

Fairforest Middle School is a place where students reach their academic potential, flourish in the fine arts, and give back to their community.

We invite you to join us at Fairforest Middle School, where we prepare every student to be successful in an ever changing world.

Sincerely,

Dean Ledford, Principal

Carolyn Elston, SIC Chairperson

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	209	91
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.0%	70.4%	86.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	63.2%	68.6%	78.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	42.0%	86.1%	66.3%

\* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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**ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System**

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>66.4</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>D</b>

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

**Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)**

FAIRFOREST MIDDLE has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

**Teacher Quality and Student Attendance**

		Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		4.1	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		5.4	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.6%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

\* Or greater than last year

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## SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	606.4	616.9	613.3	611.8	99.7	99.9	99.6
Male	598.7	611.6	612.1	610.3	99.8	100.0	99.3
Female	615.4	623.2	614.7	613.6	99.7	99.7	100.0
White	613.3	622.1	624.0	621.0	99.1	99.5	99.3
African American	599.0	606.3	602.6	604.4	100.0	100.0	99.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	629.7	643.3	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	606.1	621.4	613.6	609.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	567.5	582.3	578.8	586.2	99.2	100.0	97.6
Limited English Proficient	607.9	624.5	618.4	613.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	603.7	615.0	609.8	608.8	99.7	99.8	99.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

\* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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## Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	245	620.3	100.0	245	630.4	100.0
	7	256	611.9	100.0	256	618.7	100.0
	8	277	615.0	98.9	277	622.6	98.9
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	123	611.7	100.0	123	620.4	100.0
	7	255	616.0	100.0	256	610.7	100.0
	8	140	627.3	100.0	135	624.0	99.3

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	278	601.4	99.6	279	610.1	99.6
	7	229	613.4	100.0	229	630.4	99.1
	8	248	605.5	99.6	248	612.0	98.4
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	139	592.5	97.9	138	608.0	97.2
	7	229	624.4	99.1	229	618.1	99.1
	8	123	616.2	98.4	125	604.6	99.2

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	4206054
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	641.3	641.9	625.2	643.8	99.4	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	637.6	643.8	626.6	645.9	99.4	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	645.3	639.9	623.8	641.5	99.3	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	655.2	659.3	641.2	655.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	626.6	619.7	605.8	629.8	98.7	99.6	99.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	652.0	659.3	635.5	662.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	627.8	631.3	613.9	636.2	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	604.2	602.9	588.4	614.5	97.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	627.8	633.4	613.6	639.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.9	627.2	610.6	631.8	99.6	100.0	99.7	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	625.6	633.3	630.2	628.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	617.4	628.9	628.9	630.4	99.7	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	634.3	637.9	631.6	626.5	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	641.8	648.3	646.2	644.2	99.7	99.8	99.9	N/A
African American	604.3	610.0	606.5	607.1	99.9	99.9	99.5	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	650.6	670.0	660.9	653.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.3	628.1	624.7	620.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	578.3	590.6	589.3	590.8	99.4	100.0	99.1	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.3	625.9	622.5	618.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	608.9	617.0	614.2	613.4	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.8	80.4	72.3	99.0	99.0	100.0	84.4
Male	225.4	222.6	80.1	72.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Female	232.7	223.0	80.6	71.8	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.9
White	235.9	230.7	84.8	75.1	98.9	98.9	100.0	85.3
African American	222.2	212.2	75.8	69.0	99.0	99.0	100.0	85.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	238.7	241.4	88.8	80.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.5
Hispanic	221.2	217.4	73.8	69.3	98.9	98.9	100.0	71.8
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	196.9	188.7	63.6	61.9	98.9	98.9	100.0	39.3
Limited English Proficient	214.5	214.8	71.3	67.4	98.7	98.7	100.0	75.0
Subsidized Meals	221.7	213.5	76.2	68.8	99.1	99.1	100.0	77.8
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

\* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.



**Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)** 4/27/2015 4206054

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
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All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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### Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



### Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



### Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



### Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



#### Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

#### Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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